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Todd's bonspiel in the house

Haliburton Curling Club's Glen Smith, who curled with Dianne Whitmarsh, Rick Ashall and Jan Ashall, slides to the house during a shot at the Todd's Independent Mixed Invitational Bonspiel from Feb. 3 to 5 at the Haliburton Curling Club. Smith's team is the Ontario 55-plus senior games team. The event included 96 curlers on 24 teams, competing in three draws. Each team was guaranteed three games for four events. The sponsors were Todd's Independent Grocer, Phyllis Woodcock, Superior Propane, Minden Subaru and Remax North Country Realty Inc. More on page 13./DARRENLUM Staff

County likely to fund YWCA

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Haliburton County council is intending to fund a request the Peterborough Haliburton YWCA is making of it and its lower-tier townships for the continued operation of the women's shelter in Minden.

The YWCA was forced to close the Haliburton Emergency Rural SafeSpace (HERS), an emergency shelter for women and children suffering domestic violence, for five months last year due to increased usage and lack of resources.

The organization recently launched a fundraising campaign, seeking to raise \$120,000 to help keep the shelter open during the next two years and also conduct a sustainability study on providing services in rural areas.

As Peterborough Haliburton YWCA director of philanthropy and communications Jennifer Cureton told Minden Hills and

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Haliburton gets UN nod for environmental learning

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

With its lush forests, pristine lakes, network of trails and wildlife habitat, it may not come

as a surprise to many that the region encompassing Haliburton County was recently designated an exceptional area for environmental education by the United Nations.

The UN chose Peterborough

and its surrounding region, which includes Kawartha Lakes, Haliburton County, four First Nations communities and Peterborough County, as a Regional Centre of Expertise on Education for Sustainable Development.

The honour is due to a large network of environmental organizations, centres and institutions in the area, say some of the county's leaders in environ-

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Funding to provide shelter, finance study

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Algonquin Highlands councils during recent visits, the organization helped 124 individual women in Haliburton County last year, fielded more than 1,200 crisis calls and conducted some 670 outreach counsel sessions.

"We have a lot of families in poverty," she said of the county. "We see a lot of isolation and lack of transportation. There are a lot of hidden homeless here in Haliburton County."

Cureton said some women stay with abusers, exchanging sex and enduring abuse for food and shelter.

Cureton visited Minden Hills councillors during a Jan. 26 meeting and Algonquin Highlands councillors on Feb. 2. She was making what she said was a special, one-time funding request of \$5,000 from each of the townships and was scheduled to visit Dysart et al and Highlands East councils with the same request.

Minden Hills council granted the request, voting to allot \$2,500 from each of the 2017 and 2018 budgets to the cost. Algonquin Highlands councillors resolved to defer the request to their upcoming budget deliberations.

The YWCA request then came up at Feb. 3 Haliburton County council budget meeting, with the organization requesting \$5,000 from the upper tier as well.

"To me, social services has been built into the county budget and it should be a county responsibility," said Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen. "I do not in any way want to take away from the importance of the problem or the request."

Danielsen suggested that Minden Hills council reverse its decision and that rather than the lower tiers chipping in, the county cover the request.

"You haven't written a cheque," Danielsen said.

"In a perfect world, the ask would have been here [the county council table]," said Minden Hills Reeve and County Warden Brent Devolin. Devolin said he wasn't sure whether the majority of Minden Hills council would support reversing the decision.

"The point is, we can't be double-dipping," said Dysart et al Reeve Murray Fearrey, adding the money should either be coming from the lower tiers or the upper tiers.

Fearrey, Devolin and Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt have all expressed concern that the one-time request from the YWCA, which is funded provincially, might morph into an annual one.

Receiving 61 per cent of its funding from the province, the Peterborough Haliburton YWCA fundraises the remainder of its costs and while money raised in Haliburton County stays in Haliburton County, most of the money used locally is raised in Peterborough and transferred to Haliburton. Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch said the closure of the shelter was something that could not be repeated.

"The fact is it was down for five months and hardly anybody knew," Murdoch said. "And that's totally unacceptable. This can never happen again. I will never see that place go down again."

With the requests from the county and its lower tiers combined, the YWCA is seeking \$25,000 over two years.

"If your choice was to fund it all, it would be \$12,500

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This can never happen again. I will never see that place go down again.

— Cheryl Murdoch
on the YWCA shelter closure of 2015/2016

[per year for two years]," said county chief administrative officer Mike Rutter.

"To me, it makes more sense that it lives at the upper tier," said Moffatt.

"If it's \$12,500, we can surely find it in a \$22 million budget," said Fearrey.

Councillors directed the request be funded, leaving them and staff to find the money in the budget. The budget has not yet been approved.



DeBruin hits the trail

Haliburton's Hank DeBruin, who embraces his dog after a training run the week before he left, is in the Yukon to race in the Yukon Quest, a 1,000-mile dogsled race from Whitehorse, Yukon, to Fairbanks, Alaska. DeBruin is a veteran musher who has competed in the Iditarod and Yukon Quest before. He runs Winterdance Dogsled Tours with his wife and family in Haliburton. Follow him on yukonquest.com or through updates from Winterdance's Facebook page./DARREN LUM Staff

Snowmobile study seeking volunteers

JENN WATT

Editor

Academics behind a University of Guelph study on the physical demand of snowmobiling are conducting some of their research at Haliburton Forest and organizers are looking for volunteers to take part.

Dennis Burns of the Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations is helping with recruitment and said participation takes about one hour.

"They go for a test ride, they come back and we put them on a bumpy trail," Burns told the paper.

Throughout the ride, the volunteer riders are being monitored to see how many calories they are burning throughout the differing conditions.

The body's reaction to the snowmobile ride will be compared to a baseline physical fitness exercise done on a pedal bike so that researchers can gauge what kind of physical effect riding the sled is having.

Burns said many snowmobilers will be familiar with the aching muscles that go with the first time out on a

machine each winter; he expects the research will quantify the experience that many have.

The research is being done on a closed course at Haliburton Forest and uses the Forest's rental snowmobiles. The research is being done on Feb. 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22. Volunteers can pick their time and day to be involved.

"We believe this will confirm the exercise you get when you're out there riding," said Burns.

Research has been commissioned by the CCSO in the past to look into the economic impact of the industry, recently finding that snowmobiling in Canada is a \$8 billion industry that employs more than 41,000 people.

Burns said Haliburton Forest is the perfect location for the study because they can close the trail and there are rental snowmobiles there.

"It's just, in my view, a perfect location," he said.

There is no cost to participating in the study. Volunteering takes about an hour on one of the following days: Feb. 11, 12, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22. To sign up or if you have questions, contact Andy Chvedukas at drew.chvedukas@hotmail.com.

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Network of organizations key to recognition

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mentalism and education.

Heather Reid worked at U-Links, a centre for community based research located in Minden and partnered with Trent University, from 2005 to 2013, spending the last five as the director.

She cites the centre, and those who founded it, as one of the leaders in environmental education that is taking place in the region.

"The concept of U-Links started through a course that was offered at Trent, called the bioregionalism course," said Reid.

The community engagement course, which took place in Haliburton, ran for 10 years, until 1999, and two professors from the university who ran the course, John Wadland and Tom Whillans, had a passion for community based education, said Reid.

"The concept was they were going to look at a bioregion and they chose Haliburton," she said. "They wanted to look at how do social, environmental, cultural and economical factors play out in a bio region."

Whillans said a number of factors went into the decision to offer the course in Haliburton, including ties to the university, however the desire to conduct research in the county was significantly tied to the waterway system.

"Haliburton is the headwaters of the waterway that goes through Peterborough and we were interested in having a look at the whole waterway and trying to understand how it could be planned for environmentally in a sustainable way," he said. "When we got looking at the whole

waterway we realized that the part that was the least well understood was the Haliburton Highlands."

Whillans said both he and Wadland had a history of coming to Haliburton in their youth. He believes U-Links has evolved into a great source of two-way learning and has been beneficial to both Trent and the Highlands.

"If you look around the world, there are not very many examples of universities developing programs that serve rural areas," he said. "We've got an example in Haliburton that stands out."

U-Links continues to operate in the area to this day, conducting research projects with various partners, including multiple levels of government, local organizations and community groups.

Reid is now the operations director at Abbey Gardens, a local food initiative, where she continues to work alongside Trent University and U-Links on research projects, including one that is taking place across Canada.

Former chairwoman of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, Sheila Ziman has also worked with U-Links and has nothing but praise for the quality of research they bring to the Highlands.

"For me the kudos goes to Trent University," said Ziman. "We don't have a university here so it's just wonderful to have access to students at Trent and Fleming College as well."

For Ziman the resource of U-Links at her fingertips was instrumental in some of the work the land trust has done, including in-depth research on ecosystem services, as well as a report on water quality and shoreline erosion following the Minden flood in 2013.

"It was a wonderful opportunity for us," she said.

"We're a little not-for-profit, we don't have an army of people working at our office ... so it was an opportunity for us to strengthen our sustainability and work towards accomplishing some of our goals in terms of research, educational programming and also stewardship of our properties."

The land trust is an environmental organization focused on protecting and preserving the natural heritage of Haliburton County.

Research projects conducted by U-Links, including those done for the Land Trust, are all available online, which can be beneficial to other environmental organizations as well.

"It was certainly a value to the land trust but also to the whole community," said Ziman, pointing to the water quality report as an example.

Ziman is aware of other projects going on in conjunction with U-Links, including an upcoming one involving the Haliburton Highlands Field Naturalists and the Municipality of Minden Hills.

Outside of U-Links, a lot of educational programming is also taking place through outdoors centres, camps, environmental organizations and municipal levels of government.

Barrie Martin is the owner/operator of Yours Outdoors, an experiential tourism company, and a retired biologist with the Ministry of Natural Resources.

A former employee at the Frost Centre, where he worked in tourism and nature programming, Martin says the county has a long history of environmental learning.

"Quite a few years ago, when I was at

the Frost Centre, we got together with all the outdoor centres, there was seven at the time," said Martin.

The groups compared notes, did joint marketing and worked together towards a common goal of promoting the area for environmental education opportunities, he said.

On top of that there are approximately 20 summer camps in the area also providing outdoor learning, he said, playing a significant part of the environmental puzzle.

"When you look at that as an industry, it's pretty significant," said Martin. "I'm not sure there's any other area in Ontario where you have that concentration of outdoor centres and camps."

Reid believes the area offers a plethora of opportunity for environmental learning, pointing to camps as one example.

"I think with the level of activity of so many for-profit and not-for-profit activities up here, it's quite amazing," she said.

"We're a very active community in terms of people enjoying the outdoors but also wanting to answer some of the critical questions about what our activity does."

She points to the growing popularity of experiential tourism as a push to educate tourists and visitors to the area.

"It's a real opportunity to teach as well as to entertain."

Those who have been working in the environmental industry for decades are thrilled to see the area get the recognition they believe it so rightly deserves.

"There's a lot of organizations that have been plugging away for years doing environmental education," said Ziman.

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Sculpture Forest to mark sesquicentennial with special celebration

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

There are many birthdays to celebrate this year, including Canada's, the province's and the municipality of Dysart.

To mark all of these occasions, the Haliburton Sculpture Forest is planning a special event titled 150 Years on the Canadian Shield.

Last week the province's Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport announced it will be giving \$10,000 to support the event, which will take place this spring/summer, said Sculpture Forest curator Jim Blake.

The idea is to have a series of sculptures created and unveiled this year, said Blake.

"We're having like a little mini sculpture symposium," he said.

Some of the former sculptors who have created pieces for the forest, such as John McKinnon, are coming back to spearhead the project.

"Each sculptor will get a refrigerator sized piece of limestone, which they then get to work with and we have really no idea what they're going to create," said

Blake. "It's a celebratory event."

The sculptures, once completed, will be placed together in the forest and will become permanent additions.

The hope is that they are connected in some way and reflect a Canadian conversation.

"What we're hoping to do is have the public come and watch them carve. We also hope to have, once the whole thing is installed, a procession starting in Haliburton and going along Head Lake trail and arriving at the spot."

Blake said the hope is the event will engage children and school groups.

The event has already received support and financial donations, including the provincial funding.

The idea behind the event came from the Sculpture Forest's board of directors, who have been thinking for some time about ways they can celebrate Canada and Ontario's sesquicentennial, said Blake.

More details about the event will be released closer to the date.

"We want to get the community as involved as much as possible in this," said Blake.



Together, we explore the world ... is the newest addition to the Glebe Park Sculpture Forest in Haliburton. This summer a series of sculptures will be created to celebrate the sesquicentennial. File photo

BIA concentrates on downtown improvements

JENN WATT

Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at the Haliburton Village Business Improvement Area annual general meeting at Dysart council chambers on Feb. 1.

Christmas lights on hold

This year's Christmas lights for Haliburton's downtown couldn't be mounted in time for the annual parade in November because of a purchasing delay.

An unexpected retirement from the municipality meant the lights did not arrive when expected and when they did,

the installer couldn't put them up due to the wintry weather.

"Let's not worry about putting the snowflakes [lights] up this year," BIA president Luke Schell said he told the installer, "but we do need to get our banners down."

Some organizations with banners in the downtown want to have them removed because they've become tattered over time. In late May or early June the new banners would be raised.

committee that fundraising for the skate park would soon begin in earnest with at least \$60,000 needed (but an ideal fundraising goal of \$100,000) on top of what has already come in.

Flowers to be concentrated

Maintaining flowers in the outer reaches of the BIA membership has proved difficult.

"Contrary to what you might think, it's really hard to find somebody to do that job," Schell said. To make the job easier, the BIA is going to concentrate the flowers in the downtown core this year. The budget for flowers in 2017 is \$9,500 including buying the plants and maintenance. Last year it was the same, with the organization spending \$8,824.

"I think there's something to be said for concentrating more flowers in a smaller area. It would look more impressive," Schell said.

Flower baskets may be offered to BIA members that are off the main street, but businesses would have to maintain the baskets themselves.

BIA under budget

The BIA spent less than it budgeted for January through December of 2016 with a surplus. Last year's levy – drawn from the businesses in the downtown – was \$47,600.

Local businessman Andy Glecoff asked why the group hadn't spent its whole promotions budget in 2016. They had budgeted \$15,400, but spent only \$6,879. Promotions included Buy In and Win, Frost Fest, Men's Shopping Night, Midnight Madness, Come to Town Tuesdays and others.

"We want to promote our town. I don't understand why we didn't make plans or make an effort to spend those budgets," Glecoff said.

Nelly Ashworth said that many times they were given free or discounted ads from the newspapers and radio stations, which meant they underspent the budget.

Glecoff suggested that the BIA establish a promotions committee to keep on top of the spending.

One vacant position

The BIA elected its executive for the year: Luke Schell, Nelly Ashworth, Sharon Rowden, Renzo Rosati, David Zilstra, Brad Park and Clay Glecoff. Dysart et al Councillor Nancy Wood-Roberts will serve again in the coming year. Former executive member Chris O'Mara did not stand for re-election this year. That means there is one available position for a BIA member to join the executive.

Schell said there was a time when it was difficult to find committee members, but that there is now a strong group of people willing to do the work to improve the downtown.

"It's kind of nice having a solid, dedicated committee and they are," he said, noting they were all "here for exactly the right reasons and trying to do the best they can to help all the businesses in downtown Haliburton."

Dysart's Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts thanked the group for what they were doing and noted that it's the everyday things that enhance the community and build civic pride, such as flowers and a fresh coat of paint.

BIA to support skate park

During his opening remarks, Luke Schell said the BIA had decided to support the construction of the new skate park in Haliburton. The larger structure is planned for space that was once the ball diamond, near the EMS base. There was no dollar amount given at the meeting. That figure will come once the surplus for the coming year is confirmed with Dysart et al.

Deputy-reeve Andrea Roberts told the

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Friends of the Rail Trail kicks off 10th anniversary season

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The Haliburton railway has been gone for almost 40 years and 10 years ago a special group formed to honour its heritage.

This year will mark the 10th anniversary of the formation of Friends of the Rail Trail and a year of celebrations will begin with a night of two film screenings on Feb. 22.

Taking place at the Haliburton Highlands Museum at 7 p.m., the screening includes *The Railway to Haliburton*, which was written and narrated by Leopoldina Dobrzensky and filmed by Charles Taylor.

The film includes historical photographs of the railway, which spanned from Lindsay to Haliburton with stops along the way.

The second film, titled *Old Rails, Remembered Tales*, captures members of the community, some who have since passed away, sharing stories about the railway at a community supper held in February, 2007.

The supper, held at Camp Wanakita, was where Friends of the Rail Trail was born, said Pamela Marsales, one of the founding members of FoRT and current chairwoman.

"We sold our first two memberships that night. There was 85 people," she said. "We came together because we were interested in showcasing the history and nature aspects of the Rail Trail."

Marsales says members of the community had been invited to the dinner and asked to share their personal recollections of the railway. Those memories were then captured on the film.

The filming was done by what was then known as Highlands Media Arts (now Sticks and Stones Productions), which at the time was in its infancy, said Marsales.

"The idea to film it came about by accident, at the last minute," she said. "As people called me up to reserve their tickets they started telling me their stories over the phone. I thought wow, these are really fascinating stories and this is oral history that should be

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The railway ran for a century, with a grand opening in November of 1878 to the final ride in 1978.

captured for posterity."

Some of the storytellers include Charlie Tyler, Marion Sedgewick, Guy Scott and Ev Stata.

"We hope as many of the original storytellers who can will be there," said Marsales.

The railway ran for a century, with a grand opening in November of 1878 to the final ride in 1978.

The upcoming event at the museum is being held during Ontario Heritage Week and Marsales is hoping it will inspire the public to learn more about Haliburton's past.

"The evening gives a really nice overview of how different and yet the same the railway days were," she said. "For instance, before there were telephones in Haliburton County there was the telegraph connection related to the railway. It was the first high-speed communication. It's just parallel to today's high-speed Internet connection."

One tale shared in the film includes capers where kids and teenagers would take the train into Haliburton to see a movie and hang out at a restaurant beforehand. However those who want to know the ending to the story will have to watch the film, said Marsales.

Marsales is also hoping the event draws more people who have memories of the railway, to connect with her.

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— Pamela Marsales, FoRT chairwoman

ries," she said. "That will be an anniversary year project."

The film night is only the beginning to a year of events marking the 10th anniversary of FoRT. In March, there will be a membership month, inviting people to join FoRT.

The Sunday Rambles, which include walks along the Rail Trail, will return for the months of April and May.

Some summertime events will be open to members only, including an exclusive jazz evening.

Marsales is hoping to bring back some past events, such as the heritage farm tours, and is always open to new suggestions.

In the past 10 years FoRT has hosted some 90 events and has hundreds of members join the organization.

In its peak year there were 130 members, said Marsales.

The chairwoman has logs with the names of every participant from every Sunday Ramble during the past decade. Right down to the dogs who participated.

"The busiest Sunday Ramble had 55 in attendance," she said. "We have rambled in all kinds of weather."

The film event is pay what you can. Those interested in attending are encouraged to RSVP with Marsales at 705-457-4767. Refreshments will be provided.



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Forever in our memories: Creighton Feir

Stepping up

KUDOS TO COUNTY council for stepping up last week and recommending \$25,000 be dedicated over two years to the YWCA women's shelter in Haliburton County (called HERS).

As many will know from the YWCA's presence, and media coverage over the years, the rural safe space has helped hundreds of women in Haliburton County get out of dangerous situations.

Last year, 124 individual women in Haliburton County were helped by the YWCA, with more than 1,200 crisis calls.

We learned recently that in the winter of 2016, HERS was closed because there wasn't enough funding to meet the unanticipatedly high need.

The YWCA was intending to go from council to council asking for \$5,000 each in one-time funding. Minden Hills had already said yes, with a conversation around provincial downloading and cuts to social services.

YWCA staff member Jen Cureton told council that cuts were made in the 1990s and haven't been restored in subsequent years. Currently, 61 per cent of its funding comes from the government, with the rest coming in through donations. (Most of the donations used in Haliburton County are actually gathered in Peterborough.)

The organization needs some \$120,000 over two years for a pro-

ject that will include a study to determine how to continue providing the services in rural areas. There is \$30,000 left to fundraise.

With council's budget recommendation (assuming it is passed), the YWCA can be assured the project will go forward and that there is a shelter for the next two years. That decision will bring with it an incredible impact for the women of this county.

Not only does it mean those facing violence will have somewhere local to go (when the funding ran out in 2015/16, those women were assisted in fleeing to facilities in Peterborough and City of Kawartha Lakes), but that the population at large can feel more secure.

But this doesn't solve the problem – that funding is woefully short from the province, especially in rural areas.

From education to health care to employment opportunities, rural areas receive less services from the government and providing shelter for women is another example.

County councillors did precisely what they should have in funding the YWCA – stepping in and providing a service for the local population – however, this is not council's funding responsibility.

This money should be coming from the province. Not just 61 per cent, but enough to ensure core services are never removed from our county again.



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Editorial



Morning light

by Darren Lum

Luna

IT'S A FULL MOON that I will remember for the rest of my life. The full wolf moon was also day three of the early January snow days. My daughter had been off school for Christmas vacation and then most of the first week back.

Pretty much every day of Madeline's life she lobbies for a cat and this extra time off of school gave her extra time to present her case.

She loves cats. I'm not a cat person. Madeline persists with Power Points about the benefits of cats and how she will look after the cat.

She has references from fel-

low cat lovers who assure her that they will help her when needed. Madeline is relentless. And I stay strong in my refusal to get a cat. Some of you may remember that we did get a cat a few years ago, Senior Cecile Ramos (named after our exchange student from Ecuador), who we loved. He was only with us for little more than a year because he developed epilepsy and eventually passed on. I swore after his death that there would be no more cats, even though I did love him. So on day three of this snow day when Madeline offered to come to the feed store to get dog food I agreed and off we went. Of course we got there and there were a group of kittens and cats and one rooster all looking for a home.

My first mistake was taking Madeline to the feed store. The second mistake was getting closer to the kittens and eventually holding a six-month-old black cat. My third mistake was smiling when Madeline said "oh Mom, it has white on it and that means it is an angel." I caved. I held the kitten and she purred

and she let me rub her belly and my heart melted. I didn't call my "no I can't have a cat" hotline that I use for support in situations like this. I just said yes. And so we brought Luna home with lots of conditions like if our dog doesn't like her she goes back. But she fit right in and we all fell in love with her pretty quickly. I know nothing about cats and so I was completely taken by surprise when she started howling and crying and rolling around when she had been with us for two weeks. I wondered if she was sick or desperate to go outside.

Of course Madeline immediately did some research and we realize that Luna is in heat. If you have never experienced a cat in heat it is really quite something. Let's just say that none of us is getting a good night's sleep right now. We know it will pass and we will get her fixed. I'm telling this story as a shout out to all parents who cave and let their kids have a pet of any kind. It

does create more work and it almost always makes the house a little more chaotic or messy but there are stories that come out of these creatures that will last a lifetime.

Already Luna sits with Madeline while she does her homework or plays the guitar. Already we have laughed our heads off as she slides down the hall chasing the lid of a milk container. Our dog loves her. Our neighbours made us a really great scratch post as a random act of kindness. And I realize that deep down there is a part of me that really likes cats! It wasn't a full moon adventure I was expecting to have but it is one that I will remember.

Tales from
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Super Bowl dynasties

OK, NOW THAT THE DUST HAS settled and the game is over, let me say this. The media is going on about Tom Brady and coach Bill Belichick leading the New England Patriots to their fifth Super Bowl win. And, predictably, they're referring to it as a dynasty.

And that's fine, but I think we can all agree they are missing the big story – I'm referring to my Super Bowl dynasty.

That's right; I won our third annual Super Bowl pool again. If memory serves me correctly, that's twice in the last three years – but who's counting?

Using all the NFL expertise that I possess, I nailed the winner and the spread, predicting that New England would win by six.

And, surprise, surprise, New England did exactly that.

I don't know about you, but in my books at least, twice in the last three years constitutes a full-fledged dynasty – especially when you consider, if the five other people in our pool hadn't done better than me last year, I would have then too.

You've got to give me a lot of credit. My team "The Pats" (which if I am not being misled by the losers in our pool, makes me a Patsy) were behind by 25 points in the third quarter.

Despite this, I persevered and stuck to my prediction, as soon as I realized they wouldn't let me change it. And, as a result, I made the greatest prediction comeback of all time. Some call it heroic. I happen to think that's not an accurate description. Epic is a far better word.

For those who have lost Super Bowl pools, let me say this. It is not easy getting things right so consistently. There is a real skill to it.

So, in an effort to get ahead of the inevitable calls from throngs of sports reporters, I am about to divulge my secret method for winning Super Bowl pools.

First, on the day of the Super Bowl, wake up and say, "Oh, is the game on today? You think it will be televised?"

That sets the stage for what is to follow.

When told that it is in fact game day, this is also the time to confirm what you've thought all the time: "The Super Bowl is a football contest, right?"

Knowing this for certain, you can now deal with the smaller details.

I began my quest for football ascendency by asking Jenn a simple question.

"Who is playing?"

She answered and then I asked her another relevant question.

"What team is considered the favourite?"

She told me it was the Patriots.

"I'll take the Patriots to win," I said.

"OK, by how much?" she asked.

This is, of course, at the heart of the matter.

Presumably, there were others in our football pool that also somehow found out the Pats, as I call them, were favoured. Therefore, the difference between winning and losing was going to come down to by how much.

It was a big decision and, having to defend my dynasty, the pressure was on. Yet, mere seconds later, after reviewing all my amassed NFL knowledge, I turned to Jenn and said, "The other day, didn't you say I had the maturity level of a six year old?"

To which she rolled her eyes and answered "Yes."

That was all I needed to complete the complex puzzle.

"I'll take the Patriots by six!" I said.

With that decision made, I then got ready for my pre-game nap routine.

The rest, as they say, is history.

I, and the Patriots too, you might argue, went on to make sports history and create a dynasty.

After the game, we received an email from the convener of our pool – the person I now refer to as "my bookie" – who announced that my football expertise had prevailed once again. She also noted that \$8 was awaiting me whenever I felt like spending \$7 in gas to pick it up.

Sure I'll pick it up – and soon. What true Patsy wouldn't?



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Loon Tales



pic of the past

Since the early 1900s, spring at the Harrisons' farm on the Allsaw Flats meant daily trips to the sugar shack. This yearly pilgrimage started with Edmund and Evangeline and carried on with their children, who kept it up until 1966 and then started again "in a small way" in 1977. For decades, they had the largest syrup operation, aided by Bert who designed the equipment and finishing pans in 1933. In this picture are Harrison children Walter, Alfred and Elsie, Mr. Harrison, Fred Barry and faithful horses. This photo was originally brought to the *Echo* years ago by the Harrison family.

letters to the editor

Monsef should support better Internet coverage

Dear Maryam Monsef,
MP, Peterborough – Kawartha.

We are residents of Peterborough and we also have a house in Haliburton, which we use as a rental property and summer cottage for ourselves.

The Jan. 24, edition of *The Haliburton Echo*, reported on the closing of a Scotiabank branch in Wilberforce, a small town in the east of Haliburton County. It's the only bank within about 30 minutes' drive of banks in either Bancroft or Haliburton Village.

This closing is going to cause hardship for residents, businesses, and especially for seniors without cars in Wilberforce. There's a committee which has tried to persuade the major banks and credit unions to locate a branch there, but

none of them will do so even after months of meetings. Not even a bank machine.

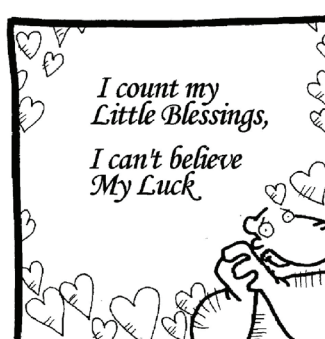
As the editorial points out, it is ironic that this would be the first town hit with a branch closure due to increased Internet and mobile banking around the country when Wilberforce has cellphone dead zones and patchy Internet coverage.

The committee says provincial and federal governments should be made aware of how crucial their attention and funding will be in the coming years. ... These small towns need high-speed Internet, reliable cell service and investment in community infrastructure in order to survive.

The committee is considering a letter to the

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Wildlife in your backyard



John Mitchell took this photo of a "deer feeding frenzy" on Drag Court, off of Riverside Drive.

Reliable service needed in many areas

from page 7

Canada Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, which regulates banks. They say the federal government should at least make sure Wilberforce has the Internet or cell service before banks are allowed to close up in a small community.

If this issue comes across your desk I am asking you to support such a move in the county north of us because even here in Peterborough people understand what it's like to be lacking crucial services.

Louise Greene
Gay Bell

Pond hockey a showcase of local support

To the Editor,

Last weekend I was lucky enough to be a volunteer at the Canadian Pond Hockey Championships held at Pine-stone. The organizing committee did an outstanding job of making sure everything was in place, the ice crew were amazing in their ability to maintain the ice surfaces and the volunteers ensured that everyone left with a positive impression of Haliburton and its friendly people. None

of this would have been possible without the help of the many sponsors who willingly donated products, funds and their time. It is now up to all of us to show our thanks by supporting these companies with our business whenever we can. The many activities that take place over the year can only happen if we all support each other.

Jackie Gentle



Cheryl Riley submitted this picture of an owl.



John Bordignon submitted this photo of a pileated woodpecker.



Belinda Gallagher snapped this photo of a northern shrike.

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Canoe funds fuel for warmth

Canoe FM presents Fuel for Warmth with a donation of \$11,692.90 on Jan. 26 in the radio hall at the community station. The money was raised from their weekly radio bingo. It was presented to Joanne Barnes and Marilynne Lesperance. Fuel for Warmth is a local organization that assist individuals who have trouble with heating costs. From left, Canoe FM's Barry Wilhelm, Roger Dart, Bob Stiles, Lesperance, Roxanne Casey, Barnes, Marilyn Frost, Bev Bourne, Tim Hagarty, Ron Evans, Lee-Anne Goodall and Kevin Shea. ANGELICA INGRAM Staff



Students enjoy a Day in the Past

Stuart Baker Elementary School's Grade 3 students Carlee Crang, left, and Aurora Wesley react to how the balancing acrobat toy stays on a thread during A Day in the Past event on Thursday, Jan. 26 at the Haliburton school. Grade 2 and 3 students spent most of the day pretending to be children from the early settlers' era to learn what life was like back then. They learned how school used to be run by teachers, played settler games, made settler crafts and baked, rotating every 20 minutes at each station./DARREN LUM Staff

Stuart Baker Elementary School's Grade 3 student Olivia Gruppe stays in costume while eating lunch, taking a break from A Day in the Past event on Thursday, Jan. 26 at the Haliburton school.



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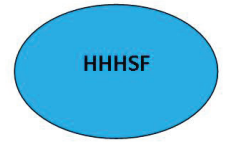
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Collapse from snow is rare for Haliburton County residential homes

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The strength of your roof is on the inside, said a local construction company owner.

Gary Burtch has been in the construction industry for 40 years, 33 of which as the owner of G. J. Burtch Construction Enterprises Ltd., a company based in Haliburton. He believes if a home is built to code using a truss system then it is capable of supporting the accumulation of snow we get in the area.

Contemporary truss roofs, he said, are built to specifications consistent with the snow received in the area. As long as the roof was built to provincial code it will be fine.

"Should. Underline should. In construction we [say it] always should be fine," he said.

The National Research Council of Canada's website (www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/solutions/advisory/codes_centre/faq/snowloads.html) offers several answers to commonly asked questions related to this topic offers several answers to commonly asked questions related to this topic such as what are the signs of heavy snow load on the roof; what can a person do; how much snow can a roof hold; what are the building code requirements; does age of the roof matter; best way to deal with it and other resources.

Any concerns for the weight of snow on a roof can be identified from signs of stress, whether by sight or sound. Check for the movement of walls or a sagging ceiling and cracking of drywall or plaster, including doors that jam or water leaks after a snowfall, the website said.

Also pay attention to the roof type and where the snow accumulates on it. A low sloped roof will have more than a steep pitched or slippery finished roof.

The government discourages people from going on their roofs and recommends people to hire "insured snow removal" companies to perform the work on the roof. Where the roof is accessible from the ground it says people can use a "snow rake" to reduce the load.

When it comes to how much a roof can hold the website said the weight is determined by its makeup and not by its depth. It compares the difference between how fluffy snow is lighter than slushy snow regardless of depth. Although building code requirements apply to dwellings, "small accessory buildings such as sheds" do not adhere to the same standards.

Building code requirements are based on snowfall observations converted to a snow load. Roofs are designed according to a table of locations in the National Building Code (NBC). Roofs in Canada are designed to support a minimum of one kilopascal, which 21 is pounds per square foot or higher. For example, the table provided said for Mississauga, Ont., the requirement is 1.06 kilopascal or 22 pounds per square foot while Banff, Alta's is 2.26 kilopascal or 47 pounds per square foot and Cape Harrison, Nfld. is 4.20 kilopascal or 87 pounds per square foot.

"Roofs on today's large buildings are designed for 1-in-50 year snow load events and take into account factors such as roof shape and accumulation. The trusses for today's houses and smaller buildings built under Part 9 of the NBC are designed according to a simplified snow load equation. This is because of the relatively smaller size and historical performance of these types of buildings," it states.

Age is not necessarily a determinant in assessing a roof's strength even though code requirements have changed over time. Roof trusses are now more common



than the hand-framed rafters of the past, but a 40-year-old roof is not necessarily weaker.

The best way to make an assessment about a roof is to have a local expert visit your home. It recommends contacting "building scientists," which are architects, consulting engineers and in some cases home inspectors.

The other resources for information come from the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation and the Institute for Catastrophic Loss Reductions linked by the National Research Council website.

Burtch wouldn't get on the roof now, but he admits to earning some cash in his late-20s by clearing roofs. He doesn't offer the service through his construction company, but knows there are people available to hire for such a service in Haliburton County. Lightening the load of snow from your roof can't hurt it if done properly.

For a layperson there are distinctive visual cues between a truss and the rafter roof.

The truss roof is easily identified by its "webbing" or the "w" shape while the rafter roof includes rafters and collar ties or ceiling joists to form a pattern that appears to look like a triangle. He said there should be two levels of support for the rafter roof. One low to the ceiling and another close to the peak of the roof, the collar tie.

"If you just have rafters and nothing else you have a problem," he said.

More and more people are breaking out the toolbox and working on projects to change or simply add living space in the attics of homes and cottages by removing the collar ties. This is where rafter style of roofs can become compromised.

"Some people do and that's when you run into troubles. That's a rafter system with a collar tie that gives the roof structural strength. They get in there and knock the collar ties out to make a loft or something you just lost your structural strength," he said. "I always say to people if it's a trussed roof rated for this area you [should not] have a problem. Anything else you have to look at each particular spot [to assess]."

He cannot remember hearing about any structures suffering a snow collapse, but admits this doesn't mean they haven't happened in the county.

The OPP say since 2005 there was one report of a residence with a roof collapse in 2014.

Building inspector Pam Sayne of Know Your Home Inspections Inc. referred to the government websites as the best source of information, but reiterated what was stated on the website.

"Snow becoming more dense and often to ice is much

heavier adding to risk. A combination of weather conditions and the warm moist air leakage from the house to the attic area can add to heavy ice and the weight of the snow load," she wrote in an email.

One measure that will not only prevent ice, but also save on heating cost is to make sure the roof area is not letting in air, she said.

"Reducing air leakage through various air sealing methods is important too. It not only reduces ice loads on the roof, but also saves on fuel costs. I have seen some homes with warm moist air entering the attic in the winter making the attic look like a refrigerator that requires defrosting. Conditions this bad can lead to deterioration of wood members in the attic over time and mould growths due to excessive moisture," she said.

Sayne adds using the blower door test, which is part of an energy evaluation, can help home owners identify air leakages.

She said another concern is the snow coming off metal roofs.

"It can sound like a freight train as it begins to move. Without warning the snow may fall leading to serious injury of people and pets below. It is important to have snow guards on metal roofs to help reduce this threat. Also, the metal guards must be well secured to the rafter area to be effective," she said.

The trend of new buildings replacing old ones is on the rise and is attributed to the low collapse rates, Burtch said.

"More and more of the old stock is getting replaced by the new stock, which has trussed roofs," he said.

This has reduced the incidents of roofs collapsing under the weight of snow. Also, public awareness has contributed to the reduction because people clear them.

Often overlooked are the structures not built with the snow in mind, like sheds. Sometimes, he said, sheds are susceptible to a weak structure, but could easily be cleared with a snow rake.

For all of this, Burtch acknowledges there are examples of structures on seasonally used properties that defy logic.

"I have seen roofs that should have collapsed and never collapse and be there for 40 or 50 years. If you went in there in the wintertime you probably couldn't open and close the door. Come spring when [a cottager comes up] in May and everything works fine. It's just one of those things," he said.

There are a lot of considerations when determining snow load for roofs of residential homes. One area is the attic where its strength is in its construction and weakness in its integrity. The National Research Council of Canada's website (www.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/eng/solutions/advisory/codes_centre/faq/snow_loads.html) offers several answers to commonly asked questions related to this topic. /DARREN LUM Staff

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Ombudsman won't act on OPP billing

CHAD INGRAM

Staff Reporter

Ontario's ombudsman won't take any action on a complaint from Haliburton County regarding the OPP billing formula.

In May, county council sent a letter to the office of the Ombudsman of Ontario, lodging a complaint with what is says is a flawed billing framework that unfairly impacts communities with seasonal populations.

Coming into effect in 2015, the formula, phased in during a five-year period, redistributed OPP costs on a per-household basis throughout the province. Under the formula, seasonal residences are weighted equally with year-round ones, which the county government has contended repeatedly is unfair and a central flaw of the formula.

It means that cottage communities like the townships of Haliburton County are hardest hit. The county's collective OPP bill will double from about \$3 million to about \$6 million during the phase-in.

"At the root of our concern with the new formula is the fact that base costs are allocated on a 'per household' basis that includes residential units, farmlands on which a farm residence exists, and seasonal dwelling units," the county's submission read. "In addition, the formula takes into account fully occupied commercial and industrial business properties. We believe the calculation of households is systematically unfair for a number of reasons."

Councillors received the ombudsman's response during a Jan. 25 meeting. It was not the response they had been hoping for.

"Our review indicates that in revising the OPP billing for-

mula, the ministry was acting on recommendations from the auditor general to remedy inequities in the previous billing structure," read correspondence signed by deputy Ombudsman of Ontario Barb Finlay. "The ministry and the OPP engaged in extensive stakeholder consultation, in which the county participated, before arriving at the final billing model."

"The ministry provided explanations for why the formula is weighted more heavily in favour of base charges and why base charges are charged per household. The ministry's decision to include seasonal properties in the base charge calculations was supported by the AMO [Association of Municipalities of Ontario]'s OPP billing steering committee."

"While I understand that you disagree with the new billing structure, the specific approach the ministry takes regarding the billing formula for policing services delivered to municipalities is within its jurisdiction."

But Haliburton County did not participate in stakeholder consultations.

"This all began with some very peculiar letters from the mayors' coalition," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt, referring to a group of mayors who felt their communities were paying too much for policing and, in 2012, formed a group advocating for changes.

That group, which called itself the Mayors' Coalition for Affordable, Sustainable and Accountable Policing (ASAP), included the mayors of Tillsonburg, Cochrane, Penetanguishene, Norfolk and Parry Sound.

A 2013 correspondence from the mayors' coalition listed 150 municipalities it said supported its goals. Among those 150 were listed Haliburton County and its four lower-tier townships.

"And that was absolutely untrue," said Moffatt, emphasizing local politicians were never consulted. "To me, that was a misrepresentation of support to AMO. That's the elephant in the room that's never been addressed."

Dysart et al Reeve Murray said he didn't blame the ombudsman's office for its ruling, but did take issue with AMO, which he stressed is supposed to represent the interests of all Ontario municipalities.

"In this case, they represented the cities and threw the rural communities with cottagers under the bus," Fearrey said. "I still don't want to let AMO off the hook, here. I don't know if they put up a fight for us at all."

Minden Hills Reeve and County Warden Brent Devolin said council would continue to seek a solution to escalating police costs.

"Obviously, we haven't given up on this," Devolin said. "This is a door we thought we'd try."

Highlands East hires new staff members

ANGELICA INGRAM

Staff Reporter

The municipality of Highlands East has announced two new additions to their management team.

Stewart Hurd has been hired to fulfill the position of environmental supervisor, to take effect Feb. 27.

Hurd will be filling the role previously held by Glen Covert, who retired from the position last year.

The news came from the municipality in a press release issued on Jan. 25.

"Stewart is a graduate from Sir Sanford Fleming College with a diploma as an environmental technician," said the release. "In his most recent role, Stewart was an operations manager with the Ontario Clean Water Agency (OCWA). Stewart is a resident of Haliburton County and brings 16 years of water and wastewater experience with him."

Some of Hurd's pastimes include spending time with his family and enjoying the outdoors, said the release.

A permanent resident since 2008, Hurd has previously worked as a water and wastewater operator for a private company and for the City of Toronto as a provincial offences officer.

"That basically included inspection of industrial, commercial and institutional facilities and sampling to ensure they are following the bylaw for the sewer use," he said.

A lifelong cottager of Haliburton County, Hurd said he's always been interested in the outdoors and that's what inspired him to pursue a career in environmental studies.

He is looking forward to the opportunity in Highlands East and working close to home.

"I'm looking forward to continue doing what I'm doing in my neighbourhood," said Hurd.

On Feb. 2 the municipality announced that Josh Bramham will be fulfilling the role of deputy chief building official, effective March 6.

"Josh studied architectural technology at Sheridan College and has received Ontario Building Code training through Loyalist College," said the release. "Most recently, Josh was employed with Emmerson Lumber Limited as an architectural draftsman. He also provided building and design services when he was self-employed with Esson Creek Construction."

Bramham resides in Highlands East and has been working in the field for more than 20 years, according to the municipality.

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Martin family honoured for role in Harcourt's past

SARAH SOBANSKI

Special to the Echo

The Bancroft Area Forest Industry Association is celebrating the New Year by honouring one of the oldest forest industry families.

President of BAFIA Larry McTaggart presented Barry Martin, former vice president of G.W. Martin Company, with the association's Forestry Legacy Award Jan. 3. The award recognizes the history of forestry in the area.

"BAFIA is looking at recognizing the history of forestry in the Bancroft area and in particular the family run forestry operations that are prevalent in our area. We don't have [those] big corporate companies. We've got family run businesses like the Freymonds, like the Martins, like the McRaes — that's what our forest industry is built on," said McTaggart.

The association has recognized prominent forest industry families in the past including the Freymond family of Freymond Lumber LTD in Bancroft and the McRae family of the McRae Lumber Company in Whitney.

McTaggart suggested it is important to the association to show their appreciation for the founding families of lumber. He said they have seen the community through good times and bad.

"They've been with us thick or thin pulling people through world wars, the Depression, through the recession. They didn't have shareholders who decided we're not making enough money so close it down. They kept going for more than financial reasons. They recognized their importance to the community," explained McTaggart. "Our job is to educate the public and our members with the importance of forestry and to recognize when people have done good work."

According to the Baptiste Lake Association, G.W. Martin Company started as the Martin Mill under Whitney Martin — rebuilt after he purchased Hughes Mill and it was destroyed by a fire in 1930.

Whitney's son Grenville bought the mill and it became the G.W. Martin Company in Harcourt grow-

ing to become the largest producer of hardwood in Canada. The company employed 1,300 people and brought in around \$100 million yearly in revenue at its peak.

McTaggart said the industry remains in Bancroft and surrounding area because its founding fathers had sustainable forestry plans. He said many of the family companies are moving on to fourth generations in their families.

"Just to let them know that we appreciate the work that they, their parents, their grandparents and their great-grandparents have done keeping forestry growing in Bancroft," said McTaggart.

He added, "They're still going. Except for the Martin group with the death of Grenville Martin resulted in it being closed down."

Grenville Martin died in a plane crash in Brampton October 1984.

The idea to recognize the Martin legacy came after the Martins had a family reunion last year.

"We waited until they had prepared the history that they wanted presented as history for the award," said McTaggart. "As long as we can look out the window and still see trees standing we know there is still forest opportunities to be had in the Bancroft area. If we do them wisely there will continue to be forest opportunities for future generations."

Barry Martin, who could not be reached because he is on holiday in Florida, prepared the following history of Martin Lumber.

His grandfather, James Martin, emigrated from Monaghan County in Ireland in 1825. He carved out a farm on the outskirts of today's Port Hope and ironically enough, logged timber in the winters in the "frontier lands of Peterborough." His stone house still stands today.

Whitney was the youngest child of a family of eight; son of Samuel and Caroline Martin. He was 13 when his father died. He moved with his mother to Toronto.

Whitney Martin came to Baptiste Lake in 1921, after completing business school in Toronto, to work for his

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They've been with us thick or thin pulling people through world wars, the Depression, through the recession.

— Larry McTaggart

brother-in-law Owen Bailey, manager of the Jennings and Bailey Lumber Company. This company had two sawmill operations on Baptiste Lake — one on the point at the end of today's Martin Road, and the other at the site known as Hughes Siding, now occupied by Baptiste Lake Marina.

Both mills were served by the Irondale, Bancroft and Ottawa Railway, and had loading sidings at both places to ship all of the lumber and ties.

After moving to Baptiste Lake he met and married Nellie Martyn, a registered nurse from Toronto in 1935. They had four children — Grenville, Noel, Barry and Karan.

In 1923, Bailey bought Jennings and formed the Bailey Martin Lumber Company. In 1927, Whitney and his brother, Garf, bought out Bailey, and formed the Martin Brothers Lumber Company. Whitney purchased his brother's shares in 1937, and was the sole owner of Martin Brothers Lumber Company thereafter.

The company continued to operate sawmills in Baptiste, Maynooth, Madawaska, Benoit Lake (Harcourt), and Boulder. The workforce swelled in the wintertime to 200 men at times. They cut and hauled the timber to the mills, or to "landings" in order to float the logs to the mill in the spring and summer.

Whitney also started the Bancroft Lumber and Planing Mill Co. Ltd. in 1949, which was later purchased by Jack Brown.

Whitney's son Grenville, became a licensed hardwood lumber scaler at 17. He worked for the company grading lumber. Around age 18, he bought a tractor trailer (unheard of in the Bancroft area at the time) to start hauling lumber by truck, to the southern Ontario markets, rather than shipping by rail.

In 1956, Whitney closed the last mill at Baptiste, and sold the summer operating Benoit Lake mill to his son, Grenville in 1958. The decision was made primarily because the quality of timber had diminished in the region. It was getting expensive to haul the logs down the lake, but also because the labour force was certified to join a union the same year.

At this location, with several imaginative innovations, Grenville initiated several firsts in the lumber industry in central Ontario such as winter sawing (by thawing the logs), chipping the wood waste to ship to paper plants, double cut band sawing to minimum waste, electrifying the sawmills, mechanical debarking, automating the whole lumber cutting process, and introducing tree length hauling from the woods to the mills, to name a few.

His brother Barry Martin joined him in 1965, and became vice president.

The G.W. Martin Lumber Company continued to grow extensively, with lumber mills, veneer and pallet plants, and logging operations, throughout Ontario.

Before Grenville's untimely death in 1984 at the age of 48, this company was the largest hardwood lumber producer in eastern Canada (nine mills — 150 million board feet per annum, in Harcourt, Sault Ste. Marie, Searchmont, Mattawa, Eganville, Alban, Parry Sound and Huntsville). It was also the producer of very significant volumes of hardwood veneers (four plants — 360 million square feet per annum, in Rutherglen, Sault Ste. Marie, North Bay and Tweed), and hardwood flooring (one plant in Huntsville) and wood pallets (three plants in Tweed, Bracebridge and Belleville). All of these operations were run from the head office, on Elephant Lake Road, near Harcourt.

Grenville's four children — Kimberly, Katherine, Kelly and Kenton continued on — two actively — with the corporation until 1989. Kenton remains in the wood industry operating a hardwood flooring plant in Etobicoke.

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Carnarvon resident Karen Koehler embraces her husband Rob Sargeant after her seventh place in the pulka women one dog elite race in the 2017 IFSS World Championships on Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Haliburton Forest. Koehler, who also earned a seventh in the skijorin two dog, 13th in the combined women and 19th skijoring women one dog elite, completed the pulka course in a time of 39:53. /DARREN LUM Staff

Highlands shines for the world championship

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

After she crossed the line of the pulka one-dog elite race with her dog Oodle, Karen Koehler was overcome with emotion, embracing her dog and then her husband, crying on his shoulder, crouched in the freshly fallen snow with the backdrop of the IFSS World Championships start/finish area behind them.

Koehler, a Carnarvon resident representing Canada, said everything came out that Sunday, Jan. 29.

It was her last day of individual racing (she would race later that day in the national relay for Canada) in virtually her backyard at the Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve. The tears came from the realization there wouldn't be a more enriched championship, having it in the Highlands so her family and friends could cheer her starts and finishes; being integral to bringing the event here; and the strong performances in five races, which resulted in her being the best North American in two of them.

She said the Highlands is a place where dreams really do come true.

The former part time teacher at Archie Stouffer Elementary School said it started as a crazy idea.

Despite the perceived farfetched notion of it all she went forward with the idea anyways, laying the initial ground work and asked Haliburton Forest and Wild Life Reserve to take it on. The realization that everyone was here because of her dawned on her the week of competition.

"I was in shock. They're all here. Everybody. It's crazy I did this. Obviously not alone," she said, recognizing the effort of the host venue Haliburton Forest, and, in particular, its staff, the volunteers and project co-ordinator Tegan Legge for making her dream a reality.

"The commitment they put into it was absolutely awesome. Tegan never dropped the ball. She was like we're going to make this work," she said.

Legge said there was a lot she will remember from the event, which included compliments from racers such as the Swedish team captains, who asked when the forest will apply for another championship, race marshal Nils Finsrud, call-

ing it a "well organized event," the efforts of her staff, volunteers and volunteer co-ordinator Cameron Ferguson.

She will also never forget the applause from the packed crowd that Taina Teras of Sweden received at the screening of the Dog Power Movie (www.dogpower-movie.com) on Wednesday night at the Wolf Centre. Teras, who is a paraplegic that breeds, trains and races sled dogs, showcased a prototype of a race sled that will enable her to compete with more than four dogs in future championships.

"The sled dog world truly brings folks from all walks of life together to help each other, cheer each other on and have fun," she said.

Koehler's appreciation extends to race official and event consultant Jim Cunningham, who came to the forest several times for planning. There was also all IFSS officials, Sarah Warford, Murielle Gouriou Ovenden, Russ Gregory and CAHDS.

Held from Jan. 23 to Feb. 1, the event included an opening ceremonies and 135 people and more than 890 dogs that competed in skijoring and dogsled races in variety of classes, which included single-dog races in seven kilometre sprints up to 20 dogs in the 81 kilometre distance. They came from 11 countries such as Finland, Sweden, Norway, Czech Republic, the US, and even Spain. It concluded with a closing ceremony.

Being instrumental in getting the championship here wasn't Koehler's only victory.

She finished seventh overall and the top North American in the one-dog pulka event on Sunday, Jan. 29. It was a goal she set out to achieve entering the event.

Her seventh place finishes in the one-dog pulka and the two-dog skijoring events will go down as her highlights. It put her as the best North American finisher.

Even a 13th placing in the combined (pulka start then finish with skijoring) event still had her smiling upon recollection. She remembers the enjoyable battle with American Jessica Pulliam, which had them trading positions throughout until she built up an insurmountable lead down the finishing stretch when the American's dog had to relieve itself. She finished as the second fastest North American. She also finished 19th in the skijoring women one dog elite class.

Also, Koehler competed with Canada in the national relay and finished seventh despite an understanding she was racing for fun while on the course. She allowed competitors to pass her because of this and knows should could have placed higher.

Koehler's friend and fellow competitor from Norway Lena Boysen Hillestad comes from a family of mushers that have won many trophies and medals. Her husband and daughter did not make the trip, but she flew with her son André and their four race dogs from Oslo to Newark, US where they rented a car and drove to Haliburton.

Both will return home as title holders.

She won her 24th World Championship title in dramatic fashion, taking the sled sprint limited four dog elite race with the fastest time of two heats after placing fourth on the first day in the sled sprint limited four dog elite.

Her many victories since she has been competing from 1979 have made her the one to beat. She welcomes this challenge and takes pride in her consistent excellence.

"I'm proud of winning over a long time period. People expect me to win, and even-

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Carnarvon resident Karen Koehler drives to a seventh place finish for Canada in the pulka women one dog elite race in the 2017 IFSS World Championships on Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Haliburton Forest. Koehler, who also earned a seventh in the skijorin two dog, 13th in the combined women and 19th skijoring women one dog elite, completed the pulka course in a time of 39:53, edging out compatriot Susannah Kelly. /DARREN LUM Staff



A dog team in sled sprint unlimited (at least 18 dogs) charges for the finishline after covering close to a 24 kilometre distance at the 2017 IFSS (International Federation of Sleddog Sports) World Championships at the Haliburton Forest on Tuesday, Jan. 24. The event was held from Jan. 24 to Feb. 1. There were close to 260 teams from 11 countries such as the US, Canada, Czech Republic, Germany, Finland, Norway, Sweden, France, Spain and Switzerland represented./DARREN LUM Staff/

Below, First place finisher Maija Navala of Finland shows her winning form in the pulka women one dog elite race in the 2017 IFSS World Championships on Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Haliburton Forest. The championships is held every two years and was held from Jan. 24 to Feb. 1./DARREN LUM Staff



A dog pulls Swedish competitor Marie Molander, who is out of frame, in the pulka women one dog elite race in the 2017 IFSS World Championships on Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Haliburton Forest. Held every two years around the world, the world championship winter sleddog event was from Tuesday, Jan. 24 to Feb. 1./DARREN LUM Staff



Sweden's Madelene Nord is met with spectators and race officials at the finish line for the pulka women one dog elite race in the 2017 IFSS World Championships on Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Haliburton Forest. Nord completed the pulka course of 12.26 kilometres in a time of 38:32 for fifth./DARREN LUM Staff





High schooler joins elite company in competing

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

Maria Perrin is a Haliburton Highlands Secondary School student not like most teens. She's in elite company now after having competed in the 2017 IFSS World Championship at the Haliburton Forest more than a week ago.

With a passion for animals and a veteran musher, the dark haired Grade 12 teen could be easily perceived as quiet and shy. However she possesses a resolve and inner strength that easily shines through when she is racing, which came into play within 50 metres of the start of her junior single-dog skijoring 10 kilometre race.

Standing at the start line, she was really excited and a little nervous knowing it was the world championship and how many people were around her. To settle herself and to focus, she went over a mental checklist of securing her equipment and clothing. It's a routine she has performed before.

Although she made up the entire field of racers in her class because the competitors registered did not compete, it didn't take away from her experience in the championship held every two years.

It was an amazing experience, Perrin said, to compete in the world championships. The enormity of the event didn't dawn on her until the night before the first day of competition.

"It didn't even really register at first. I knew I was going to be competing, but it didn't feel like a world championship until the opening ceremonies and then it hit me that it was a world championship and I was competing in it. After that I was kind of nervous and a little bit stressed because my exams were starting the Friday after [her Wednesday race] so I had to try and study for those and get ready for the event itself," she wrote in an email. "Once we were out on the trail it didn't really seem all that different from any other race. It was just me and the dog out on another trail trying our best and having fun."

With a racing resume that includes racing dogsleds at five, it wasn't a leap for her to take up skijoring at 10-years-old and begin competitive racing two years later. Her mother Gail bought a skijoring belt to try the sport.

"I pretty much fell in love with the sport right away, and that's what

keeps me competing. There aren't many things that are better than being out on the trail with the dogs, whether it's skijoring or sledging," she wrote in an email.

Held from Jan. 23 to Feb. 1, the event included an opening ceremonies and 135 people and more than 890 dogs that competed in skijoring and dogsled races in variety of classes, which included single-dog races in seven kilometre sprints up to 20 dogs in the 81 kilometre distance. They came from 11 countries such as Finland, Sweden, Norway, Czech Republic, the US, and even Spain.

Perrin said qualifying was fairly straightforward for her because of the small field of interested competitors when compared to other popular classes. She raced in two races last year and applied to the IFSS.

The teen has plans to compete more, but expects those races to be close to home.

"In the future, I plan to keep going to as many races as I can and doing as well as I can in them. I'm planning on doing three more this year. It is a little difficult for me to get to a lot of different races because my family isn't really into the sport (other than my mom, who has a touring company in Cochrane), and there aren't a lot of races that are really close by, so I usually just do the ones close to home," she said.

Canadian team member and world championship veteran Karen Koehler, who makes her home in Carnarvon, also competed and has been a mentor to Perrin for a few years. She encouraged the teen to apply to race in the championships, even offering her own dog to run for her.

"I definitely wasn't doing anything as cool [at her age]," she said.

They first met when Perrin was close to six and competing with her dog Noah in the Kid and Mutt race at the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby organized by Winterdance Dogsled Tours and held at various locations in the area. Koehler said she went out on training runs with and without dogs with the Highlands teen several times before the championship.

"When I used to see her training at her mom's she would fall and never got frustrated with the dogs. She would just keep going," she said.

Call it prophetic because Perrin did exactly as her mentor said after falling close to the start, which was keep going right on to the finish line in her first world championship race and something she will never forget.



Sweden's Angelica Saur drives for the finish line ahead of Carnarvon's Karen Koehler, who represented Canada, for the pulka women one dog elite race in the 2017 IFSS World Championships on Sunday, Jan. 29 at the Haliburton Forest. Saur finished the race in sixth just ahead of Koehler. The championships is held every two years and was held from Jan. 24 to Feb. 1. /DARREN LUM Staff

Life comes around full circle

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ryone want's to beat me all the time. It is quite cool to be able to stay in front," she wrote in an email.

Coincidentally, her first world championship was won in 1991 when she competed in Winnipeg.

Her son Andre, who was born in 2002, joined her on this trip. He won the junior four-dogsled race with the best accumulative time of three heats.

Although she has never been to the Highlands before, she is very familiar with Canada.

She competed in the winter championship in 1991, the dryland equivalent in Quebec in 2009, has family in Vancouver and even honeymooned here in 1997.

She will always remember the victory, the friendships she forged and friends she reunited with, the good WiFi, the bad winter tires, snow scooters and the "great maple syrup."

Unless it's close by, Koehler is not sure how many more world championships she will be going to in the future. The luxury of having the event in your own backyard where you can sleep in our own bed will be difficult to duplicate.

"It's one of the best experiences I've had because my family and friends were here to greet me everyday to see me off and come back from my races. That was so special," she said.

It's bitter sweet for the former part time

teacher because she knows she won't see many of the competitors outside of a world championship.

Koehler plans to race in regional races every week until March this year.

See Koehler compete locally when she plans to race at the upcoming Haliburton Highlands-Dogsled Derby the first weekend of March.

Unlike the bibs in other world championships, Koehler appreciated how these were localized by including the social media hashtag #myhaliburtonhighlands.

"This is kind of cool for helping ... it's sort of saying we're about tourism and promoting people coming and enjoying the winter," she said.

Koehler started skijoring in 2004 when she adopted two retired sled dogs. Later that year she raced in her first competition after local resident Thom Lambert mentioned the opportunity to compete without experience at the Haliburton Highlands Dogsled Derby. It was the start of a passion and a relationship with a community she considers like family.

"That's the cool thing about our sport. Lots of people come to the races and haven't done too much and we give them tips. They just get better from there and get hooked into the circuit and bring the worlds to their home town," she said.

minor hockey

Peewee girls soundly defeat Lynx

The Leveque Brothers/Rock Breakers peewee girls hosted the Lindsay Lynx on Saturday in Haliburton for their first game of the play-down season. The girls had the jitters in the first period and could not find the back of the net. Not long after the puck dropped in the second period the birthday girl, Chloe "Fireball" Billings, buried the puck to give the Jets the lead, assisted by Megan Jenkins and Emma Tidey. Twenty-four seconds later the trio did it again with a goal by Tidey, assisted by Jenkins and Billings. With a two-goal lead in third Peyton Armstrong sniped one by the Lynx tender assisted by Elyse Ives. The Jets found their legs and kept coming hard at Lindsay to finish the game 6-0. Final goals going to Olivia Villamere, Ives and Armstrong. Assists went to Ives, Hudder (2), Villamere, Jenkins and Billings. The Jets will travel to Cobourg next Sunday to take on the West Northumberland Wild. But first they will head to the ACC Saturday to cheer on the CWHL all star teams and watch what hard work and dedication can do and how great women's hockey is.

Submitted by Melissa Armstrong

Bantam girls win first playoff games

Thursday evening saw the Jets play their first playoff game against the Peterborough Ice Kats on home ice. The girls skated hard and were rewarded for all of their team efforts with a 7-1 win over Peterborough. Scoring for the Jets were Beth Brownlee with a hat trick, Olivia Martin with two, Jaylin Frost and Hannah McMann both added singles.

Assists went to Kendra Bandy, Marissa Cannon, Paige Billings, Mackala O'Connor, Kennedy Croskery, Frost and McMann. Courtney Semach had a solid game in net for the Jets.

On Sunday afternoon, the team travelled to Peterborough to face the Ice Kats again, but this time for their first play-down game. Scoring for the Jets was Carling Pepin with two goals, one assisted by Mackala O'Connor and the other by Beth Brownlee. Marissa Cannon had a single, unassisted, and Paige Billings added two to the scoreboard, both unassisted. The final result was Jets 5, Ice Kats 0. Semach held her own between the pipes and earned the shutout.

The team will play two playdown games this weekend. On Saturday, they will travel to Oakwood to face their rivals the Lindsay Lynx and on Sunday will host the Cold Creek Comets, at 4:30 p.m., at the NHCC. Come out and cheer the team on. Go, Jets, go!

Submitted by Linda Goulet

Atoms challenge Stars in playoffs

On Feb. 4, the Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms travelled to Wasaga Beach to face the Wasaga Beach Stars for their second round opener of the playoffs. Unfortunately, the Storm lost 8-2. Goals were scored by Aiden Perrott and Austin Boylan.

On Feb. 5, The Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms hosted the Wasaga Beach Stars for Game 2. The Storm made their presence felt early on. Addison Carr opened the scoring for the Storm with a solo goal at 6:25 in the first. Seconds into the second period Aiden Perrott passed the puck up to Addison Carr who moved it to Austin Boylan who got nothing but net. This was just the beginning because minutes later Addison Carr placed the puck up to Aiden Perrott who dangled past the goalie to make it 3-0. Next was Beckam Reynolds storming down the wing on a one on one, he drives to the net and buries a beauty goal high on the blocker side. With only one second left in the period Kadin Card passed the puck to Aiden Perrott who took a shot, the goalie butterflied and the puck bounced off the pad to Cooper Coles' stick who shot bottom corner and the score was 5-0 going into the third. The third period started with the Stars getting a goal. And the Storm held them off until five minutes left of the period when the the Stars scored their second goal. The Storm were not going to give them the win, they fought until the very end and the final score was 5-2. A shout out goes to Taylor Con-

sack who saved 32 shots to give Storm the win. Way to go, Taylor!

The upcoming games: on Feb. 11, the Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms travel to Wasaga Beach to face the Wasaga Beach Stars for Game 3 of the second round action. Game starts at 2 p.m.

On Feb. 12, the Cottage Country Building Supplies/Ridgewood Ford Highland Storm atoms host the Wasaga Beach Stars at the A.J. LaRue arena at 2:30 p.m. for the fourth playoff game so come out and support our boys!

Submitted by Amber Card

Peewees defeat Jets 6-2

On Sunday, Feb. 5, the JoAnne Sharpley's Source for Sports/Haliburton Family Medical Centre Highland Storm peewees headed to Bancroft to play an exhibition game against the Jets. The Storm opened the scoring with a goal by Colin Glecoff assisted by Nick Phippen. The Storm held the one goal lead into the second period, when the Storm took total control of the game. With the Storm scoring four more goals and goaltender Darian Maddock shutting the door on every shot the Jets took. Goals scored by Zander Upton unassisted, Dylan Keefer assisted by Phippen and Hunter Winder, Kyan Hall assisted by Olivia Villamere and Kolby McGovern and another for Glecoff unassisted putting the Storm up 5-1 going into the third. The Jets weren't going down without a fight managing to net two of their own but the Storm added another by Keefer unassisted to put the final score at 6-2. Amazing goaltending by Maddock. The Storm will face Ennismore in their first round of playoffs this weekend.

Submitted by Ron Hall

Novices start series right

On Sunday, Feb. 5, the Haliburton Timber Mart/Canadian Tire Highland Storm novice team hosted the Sturgeon Thunder in Game 1 of their playoff series. The Storm came out strong with excellent positional

play and forechecking. Midway in the first period the Storm capitalized on a scoring opportunity and tallied the first goal of the game. The Storm battled hard for the puck and were relentless in their defensive pressure, minimizing the opportunities of the Thunder. The Storm added two more goals and excellent goaltending and defence limited the damage of the Thunder to one. Congratulations, Storm, on an outstanding 3-1 win in Game 1 of the series. It was an excellent team performance with all players contributing on both sides of the puck. The novice team is back in action on Thursday, Feb. 9 when they travel to Fenelon Falls for Game 2. Good luck, team!

Submitted by Janice Scheffee

Midget B girls refuel for remaining playoff games

The Bancroft I.D.A./Red Eagle Family Campground midget B girls started their provincial play-downs on the road against Cold Creek Comets on Saturday night. Both teams tried to keep their post-season focus as they waited for their referees to arrive, starting the game a half hour late. Bancroft had numerous chances in the scoreless first period, controlling the bulk of the play, but could not find a way to put the puck past the tender. Cold Creek jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the second period with two opportunistic goals, capitalizing on the Jets' only two breakdowns of the game. Jamie Little pulled the Jets closer early in the third period with a 2-1 top shelf, glove side snapshot from the slot that easily beat the Comet tender. Bancroft pushed Cold Creek the rest of the game, but even with their goalie pulled, could not find an equalizing goal in the third to get the tie. The Jets will need to win out their remaining five games (home against Cold Creek along with their home-and-home with Ennismore and West Northumberland) to reach their goal of making the Ontario provincial championships. Next home game is Saturday, Feb. 11 at 1 p.m. vs. the Ennismore Eagles. Refuel, Jets, and refocus for the next five-game tilt!

Submitted by Dan Marsden

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The team of Ryan Scheffee, left, Jason Chambers, Andi Donaldson, Tyler Crego and Josh Shaw were the local entrants that went undefeated (5-0) en route to winning the men's recreation division (25 minimum) title in the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championship on the opening weekend. Photo submitted.



Locals win pond hockey's coveted Maple Cup

DARREN LUM
Staff Reporter

Playing under a black sky, peppered white by the falling snow and cast under spotlights in front of the Pinestone Resort, Minden resident Jason Chambers and his buddies fell in love with hockey a little more while battling for the Maple Cup at the Canadian National Pond Hockey Championship during its opening weekend.

Chambers said he loved the experience because of the atmosphere and the camaraderie shared between players over the game they are all passionate about.

His team the Blades of Steel, which included Haliburton's Ryan Scheffee, Eagle Lake's Andi Donaldson, Kinmount's Tyler Crego and Carnarvon's Josh Shaw, got to hoist the Maple Cup in victory after a come from behind 10-9 victory over the Fishing Walleyes in the men's recreation division (minimum 25) on Sunday, Jan. 29.

They were among the 700 players on 122 teams playing on 16 rinks with 500 pucks over two weekends on Jan. 28 to 29 and Feb. 3 and 4.

Sporting their blue and white Haliburton Huskies hockey jerseys courtesy of local lumber company Emmerson Lumber, the team drew upon their home town pride. With the exception of Donaldson who played for the Wilberforce Rockets, they all played for Haliburton Huskies while growing up here in the Highlands.

"The coolest thing there was no other local team in the division ... So it was super cool to get a set of jerseys for us to wear and go out and know we're the only local team and actually do well. We thought we'd do ok, but we didn't think we'd go 5-0 and win it at the end," Chambers said.

Players came from all over Ontario, including Sudbury, St. Catharines and Toronto he adds,

With a wink to nostalgia, the team's name caught the attention of their opponents who heard it.

It references the popular Nintendo video ice hockey game from the late-1980s, which Chambers and his teammates all played as children when they weren't playing ice hockey.

Chambers said the team wasn't without challenge despite their 5-0 record in the tournament.

Blades of Steel had to play the final only minutes after winning the semi-final game. Then the team overcame a 7-3 lead late in the first half.

The team's ability to focus enabled them to erase the deficit and win.

"We just started buckling down. The shots started to hit the net. We started to make some good passes. It was hard out there because of the ice conditions. The puck doesn't want to sit down on the ice at all. We started to hit those tape-to-tape passes," he said.

Chambers can't remember who scored the game-winner since they were up a pair late in the game and held on for the 10-9 win. Even a post-game discussion with his teammates didn't settle it.

The team employed a diamond formation, one up front, two in the middle and one at back.

Scheffee, who had played in the tournament two years ago when it was held here last, used his experience and recommended this approach.

Even though the temperature hovered near the freezing mark, Chambers said there were wind gusts that made it feel colder on the pond that weekend. The warmer temperatures in the lead up to the first day caused a delay, as organizers moved games from the originally scheduled Friday start to Saturday with finals on Sunday.

The four game winning streak to get to the final came from momentum, Chambers said.

"What happens is you get on a bit of a roll ... we were just hitting the net. The puck starts to bounce the right way. You can score three or four goals in a couple of minutes once you start rolling.

Chambers appreciated the encouragement to register and organizing efforts of John Teljeur, who brought the championship event back to Haliburton after it was held in Huntsville the last two years.

He thoroughly enjoyed the dedication and hospitality of the volunteers and has fond memories of the VIP party after winning it all.

Each member of the team received a scaled down model of the Maple Cup trophy, assorted paraphernalia such as toques and jerseys for the event.

Since everyone lived within a short drive of the venue, the members had lots of family visit and cheer them on. They weren't the only ones cheering on the Blades of Steel.

He said the team's "coach" was Kenton Winn, who also had his father Jim come and cheer them on.

The Blades of Steel, or some semblance of that team, will enter the upcoming Coby Islander hockey tournament and has every intention of defending their cup next year.

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- 1. Baseball team
- 5. Hymns
- 11. Actor Jared
- 12. Fragrance
- 16. __ Von Bismarck, Iron Chancellor
- 17. Nordic God
- 18. Weighed down
- 19. Coppola's mob epic
- 24. Nanogram
- 25. Famed street artist
- 26. Identifier
- 27. 23rd letter of the Greek alphabet
- 28. In addition
- 29. Micturated
- 30. Shock
- 31. Accept
- 33. Allotment
- 34. Eras
- 38. Emerges
- 39. Cape Verde capital
- 40. __, United Arab Emirates capital
- 43. Small amount
- 44. Back of the foot
- 45. Pakrit language
- 49. Home of "60 Minutes"
- 50. Condemn
- 51. Ailed
- 53. Elevated railroad
- 54. Rebelliousness
- 56. Ancient Greek city
- 58. Clothing company (abbr.)
- 59. Member of the cabbage family
- 60. Softens or smooths
- 63. Mass of coagulated liquid
- 64. Problems
- 65. Irish Republic

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Dress
- 2. Deadly
- 3. Says aloud
- 4. PT Anderson film " __ Nights"

- 5. Teacher (abbr.)
- 6. Anesthetized
- 7. Anno Domini (in the year of Our Lord)
- 8. __ and behold
- 9. French young women (abbr.)
- 10. Scorch
- 13. Notre Dame
- 14. Express disapproval
- 15. Cars need these
- 20. Not off
- 21. Unit of mass
- 22. You
- 23. Concealed
- 27. Parent-teacher organizations
- 29. Approximately 3.14159
- 30. Chinese conception of poetry
- 31. Satisfaction
- 32. College degree
- 33. Formerly Ceylon: __ Lanka
- 34. Effeminate
- 35. Something to solve
- 36. Horses like these
- 37. Intelligence organization
- 38. Blood type
- 40. Exhibition
- 41. Poisonous plant
- 42. Aluminum
- 44. Possesses
- 45. Penetrate with a sharp instrument
- 46. Ring-shaped objects
- 47. Speaks at church
- 48. Form in the mind
- 50. Selectors
- 51. Probability of default
- 52. 2001 Spielberg film
- 54. Where to get a sandwich
- 55. Newts
- 57. Modus operandi
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Sir Sam's Ski Challenge brings people together

DARREN LUM

Staff Reporter

The long-running Sir Sam's Ski Challenge not only brings out the competitive side of people, but is a fun way to spend the afternoon, says organizer JD Bishop.

The Eagle Lake resort prides itself on how it caters to families.

"This is what we are. A family destination. Memories are made here from way back and so racing is fun because you don't get a chance to do it at every other ski hill [where] you just go down. When you're skiing through gates it's exciting. You're up on a pedestal there [to start]. You take off through the first gate. Everyone is watching and it's exciting. It's like car racing only you're racing against your [family or friends]," he said.

The giant slalom timed races up to a

hundredth of a second are from noon to 2 p.m. every Sunday. They are on the Cash Register run and are held from Jan. 15 until March 4. Registration for each Sunday are available for \$10 and participants must sign a waiver. There are \$3,000 in prizes available with a random \$100 cash prize each Sunday and \$1,000 grand prize on the last day of the series. Competitors are eligible for the top money prize if they race any three races and the final. Although prizes are given to winners, the money prizes are left to chance with names entered into draws. There are seven races and one final. The more races entered the more chances to win the top cash prize. New this year is updated medals for the top three finishers with the Sir Sam's new logo at the centre.

Bishop said the origins of the event go back to the early 1980s with the Molson sponsored Molstar, a ski race between ski instructors around the province like Bishop and the famed Crazy Canucks.

The Canucks were five Canadian National Alpine Ski Team downhill skiers, renowned for their reckless style and strong finishes in the World Cup during the 1970s and 1980s. Bishop remembers losing by five seconds to Steve Podborski, who was the pace setter at the host venue Blue Mountain.

Sir Sam's soon started their own challenge, using a similar concept with a handicap structure so skiers here could pit their times against Podborski. There was an instructional basis to the challenge that still applies, Bishop said.

"The whole idea behind racing was people weren't into it that much back then. It was to improve. The more chances you got to race the better you got obviously," he said.

Bishop said there has always been racing at Sir Sam's, which began a year after it started in 1965.

Back then the race gates weren't the breakaway kind they use now.

Laughing, he still remembers the unforgiving nature of the maple saplings found on Sir Sam's property used for gates.

"They hit your shoulder and you go in the other direction," he said. "If you hit them hard enough and there was a rough spot you'd tear your jacket."

That challenge along with the handicapped time structure only lasted a few years, but Sir Sam's has kept the challenge going. At its height, it drew more than 240 racers. Now it averages between 75 and 150 people, starting at four years old. Participants must have a helmet. Snowboarders are welcome. There are age and skill categories from recreational to elite.

"The families are getting involved so anybody from one year old to 81, 91 goes in it," he said. "There are categories for each age group so everybody is competing against their own [skill level] of skier."

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When: Sat. Feb. 11 at 6 pm
Where: Royal Canadian Legion, Haliburton
Tickets \$25.00/person
Tickets available from Brianne Pockett, Marita Bagshaw, Brandi Hewson, Courtney Wilson, and Britney Rock. All event details can be found on Facebook.

Polar Bear Challenge

Sponsored by the Haliburton & District Lions Club
When: Sat. February 18, 2017 Haliburton Frost Festival
Where: Head Lake Park, Polar Dip Venue
Registration: 10:00 - 12:00, Event Starts: 1:00 pm
Pledge forms available at Cranberry Cottage, Haliburton Foodland, Todds Independent Grocers and West guilford Shopping Centre or on the website: www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/haliburton/index.php
All proceeds to SickKids Music Therapy Program or Haliburton Hospital Health Services Foundation

Community Chili-fest

When: February 20, 2017 (Family Day)
Sponsored By the Bancroft Branch of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Cardiff Community Centre
4:00 pm – Chili Contest – Judging by Local Dignitaries (categories include mild and hot)
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HALIBURTON: Sexual Health Clinic,

When: Wednesday, February 22, 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Razzamatatz Kids Shows

When: Sunday February 26, 2017, 2:00pm
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
Saraka by Ballet Creole, ON

Reptile Road Show

When: Saturday, Mar. 18, 10 am start time until noon (arrive before 10 please for registration)
This is of our most popular events of the year! The knowledgeable folks from Scales Nature Park will bring their highly acclaimed outreach program to Haliburton once again, with a selection of interesting snakes and turtles for us to see, touch, and learn about.
Tickets must be purchased before the event either online at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca or in person at our office at 739 Mountain St. Haliburton.
Cost: General Admission, \$15.00 per adult, \$10.00 Per child, Family Pass (up to 2 adults and 2 children) \$30.00
Location: Haliburton Outdoors Association Fish Hatchery, 6712 Gelert Rd. Haliburton

Haliburton Blood Donor Clinic

When: Monday, March 27th
1:30-6:30pm
Where: Haliburton Legion, 719 Mountain St.
To book your appointment please visit www.blood.ca

Sounds of the Night: Owl Prowl!

When: Saturday, Apr. 8, 8:00 pm – 10:00 pm
Who goes "hoo" in the night? Join Haliburton naturalist Pauline Plooard and listen in the dark for owls calling. Dress warmly, including your footwear, and bring a headlamp or flashlight. Our leader will be Pauline Plooard. Admission by donation.
Location: Meet at Zion United Church, 1021 East Rd. Carnarvon at 8:00 pm where carpools will be arranged and directions provided.
Cost: Admission by donation

Razzamatatz Kids Shows

When: Sunday April 9, 2017, 2:00pm
Where: Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion
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Wild Leeks, Edibles & Spring Wildflowers

When: Saturday, May 6, 10:00 am- 12:00 noon
Where: Abbey gardens, 1012 Garden Gate Dr. Haliburton (off Hwy 118 West of Haliburton)
Leader: Carolyn Langdon, Windfall Food Forest, forager and food forester
Cost: \$5.00 per person, includes soup (payment may be made online or in person on the day of the event)

Remembering Joe the Rock Guy

community news

wilberforce

Hilda Clark
448-2018

Though some residents may be concerned about snow plowing and heating expenses others are enjoying the snow. It is good to see snowmobilers taking food breaks and refuelling their machines in the village. And spring will come no matter what the woodchucks are reporting.
The January soup lunch was served to more than 40 people last Tuesday at St. Margaret's Church. That included a few "take outs" for friends who don't do stairs well or couldn't face the cold temperatures. Next toonie lunch will likely be the first Tuesday in March.
Sympathy is extended to the family of Harry (Joe) Ablett who recently died peacefully at home. Joe and Verna retired in this area making their home on Mumford Road. With considerable knowledge and great interest in minerals Joe began a second career. He was the go-to guy for anyone interested in local minerals. His shop was the place to get samples, to get help with identifying rocks and to make a visit to the mine by his place. Both casual and serious collectors headed for his shop and knowledge of minerals, Joe could fill folks in on the history of mining in this area. That is an ongoing story in a place where it seems there are many minerals sprinkled

throughout our hills and valleys, but not in any huge deposits.
For a number of summers Mr. Ablett organized successful rock hound shows at the Wilberforce arena. They were very popular and increased the interest in mineral tourism here. I still have a much admired necklace purchased at one of them.
In a second retirement Joe and Verna moved into Wilberforce. Still interested in people they often had yard sales where no doubt Joe shared his knowledge of rocks, stamps and interesting items gleaned from other yard sales.
It was Mr. Ablett's wish that there be no official commemoration of this death. Perhaps his ashes will be scattered over some rocky outcrops. Or friends may pick up a fine pebble and skip it across a lake or pond and remember Joe the Rock Guy.
From the Wilberforce Elementary School January /February newsletter we learn that a number of students have been reading books that may get them involved in this year's Battle of the Books. Teams of four read books from a special list and then compete at their local school proving that they have read the books. They may proceed on to sessions with teams from other schools,
The physical education program at the school is now into curling lessons usually on Tuesdays. And on this Friday, Feb. 10 beginning at 1:40 p.m. the annual hockey match between Wilberforce Elementary School students and the Ontario Provincial Police team will take place. Family members and other interested people will be there supporting the players and enjoying the fun.

Maple Lake to host Valentine's event

community news

west guilford

Eleanor Cooper
754-2278

Congratulations to Valerie and Ken Chumbley's son Dan, chosen to be the new fire chief of Dysart Fire Department. That's the reward for being a volunteer firefighter in the area for 17 years.

Are you going to follow up on Brandon Jarvis' wish for Enchanted Forest articles? Sounds like a good creative spring cleaning plan!
Kathleen Owens is once again welcoming local talent to delight us at Maple Lake United Church's Valentine event, the evening of Feb. 11 at 7:30.
Great to see Councillor Susan Norcross cheering on the Rails End Gallery as the staff looks towards renovations.
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High: Barb Stead and Henk van Nood
Low: Ann McIvor and Perry Morrison
Most Lone Hands: Dianne Madonik and Ed Muenzel

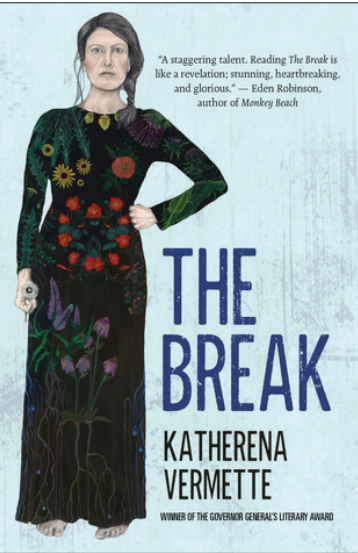
Book of the Month

The Break by Katherena Vermette
When Stella, a young mother, looks out her window and sees someone in trouble in the barren, snow swept field outside, she calls the police to alert them

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to a possible crime. What follows is a patchwork of shifting narratives, people who are directly and indirectly connected to the victim and their personal stories leading up to that fateful night. The social worker grappling with a break-up. The artist mourning the death of her sister. The single mother struggling with trust in a new relationship. The homeless teenager just released from youth detention. The Métis police officer feeling caught between two worlds as he patrols Winnipeg's North End.
The Break by Katherena Vermette is one of 2017's Evergreen Award selections, part of the Ontario Library Association's Forest of Reading. Read one or more books through the year and vote for your favourite in September. The Break is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.



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Hodgson re-elected in huge sweep

*PC incumbent wins every poll
in Haliburton-Victoria*

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

Progressive Conservative incumbent MPP Chris Hodgson cruised to a massive victory in Haliburton-Victoria Thursday night, leaving his nearest opponent close to 19,000 votes behind in his wake.

The Haliburton native captured almost 70 per cent of the ballots cast in the riding, racking up 25,096 votes to Liberal candidate Sharon McCrae's 6,207.

NDP candidate Cathy Vainio from Emily Township was a close third with 4,146 votes.

Even Hodgson, who first gained his seat by a narrow margin over McCrae in a March 1994 by-election, seemed amazed by his own popularity as the Tory tide washed over the province.

"It's really humbling that people want me to be their representative," he said, watching the numbers go up on the wall at the Olympia Restaurant in Lindsay on Thursday night. "You always feel confident, but you're never quite sure how it's going to turn out though. It's great."

Not only did he win at every polling station in his home county of Haliburton, but also at every poll in Victoria County, including McCrae's home territory of Ops.

In Haliburton County, Hodgson took 3,257 of 4,533 votes for a huge 72 per cent of the ballots cast.

McCrae trailed far behind with only 605 votes or about 14 per cent.

Vainio, who did not gain a great deal of public favour after

"I knew the public was fed up with the direction the province was going and they wanted new change," says riding's returning MPP

coming up short on her knowledge of local issues at a recent all-candidates meeting, placed just behind McCrae with 548 votes.

Hodgson said the huge support he has received from the electorate gives him a clear message that people are demanding change.

"I've dealt with thousands of constituency complaints in the last year and a couple months and I knew the public was fed up with the direction the province was going and they wanted real change," he says. "Our platform is the only one to address that because we listened in opposition to what the people were saying."

Right from the beginning of the night the mood at the packed restaurant was boisterous and loud as it became obvious the electorate was giving Hodgson an overwhelming vote of confidence.

As each new tally was announced and written on the board, the crowd of more than 200 broke into cheers.

"Have we lost one yet?" announcer Lorne Chester repeatedly asked to a raucous response of "No" from the crowd.

The largest burst of applause, whistles and yells came when the advanced polls were announced in Hodgson's home town of Haliburton.

Hodgson garnered a whopping 410 votes out of 505 ballots cast, nearly eight times the 54 votes McCrae received.

He also won by a large margin in Minden where he captured 243 of the 339 votes, while only 50 voters gave their support to

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PUPPY LOVE: Doozer the Bassett Hound gives his owner, 12-year-old Doug Fielding, a friendly greeting at Saturday's lob ball tournament in West Guilford. Luckily, Doozer didn't give the same wet welcome to the players of the six teams who raised \$1,300 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation. (See page 15).

Friends of Bark Lake launch takeover bid to save camp

by PETER DOWNS
Staff Reporter

The Friends of Bark Lake want to become more than just friends with the soon-to-be closed leadership training centre.

They want to own it.

The alumni association has submitted a formal proposal to the provincial government's real estate arm to acquire the Irondale facility, which has been put up for sale and will be shut down on August 31.

"Our proposal has just gone into the Ontario

Realty Corporation and we're hoping to hear from them within the next 10 days," the association's president said Tuesday.

John McCutcheon says the group wants to maintain the existing leadership training programs offered at the facility, which are targeted primarily at youths, but aim them at a broader audience to attract people from across the country.

The association is also proposing to add a corporate training centre to offer leadership programs for those in the world of business.

"We have made a commitment to keep as many

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Relevant post-secondary education will be an asset.

Resumes, including cover letters, will be received by email at:
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A detailed job description will be made available by email upon request.

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David.Zilstra@gmail.com

Thanks to all those who apply.
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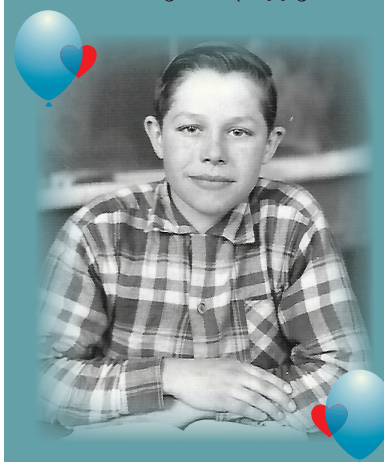
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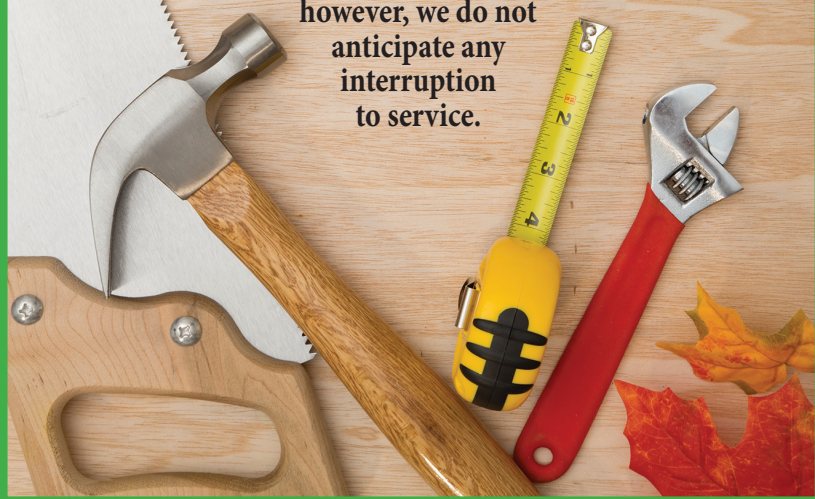
560 ANNOUNCEMENTS



NOTICE OF RENOVATION WORK

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) would like to notify the community that there will be significant renovation work underway from January 23 to March 31, 2017 at both the Haliburton and Minden facilities (excluding Hyland Crest and Highland Wood).

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Since you were called away.
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"God has call my dad
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Where all is pure within
My heart was full of sorrow
And tears have dimmed my eyes
But I shall meet him once again
In the home beyond the skies"

Always remembered,
loved each day and year
Your daughter, Wanda-Lee McNeil

Philippians 1-21
For to me to live in Christ and to die is gain



650 OBITUARIES



In Loving Memory of

Eileen Gladys Stevens (nee Cook)

Passed away suddenly at the Ross Memorial Hospital, Lindsay on Friday, February 3, 2017, in her 80th year.

Beloved wife of the late Bill. Dear mother of John Stevens (deceased) and his wife Pauline, Ronald Stevens and his wife Marj, Maggie Dunlop and her husband Kevin, and Steven Stevens. Loving grandmother of Alisha (Alain Lafleur), Ronald (Liana), Robert (Becky), Carter, Cait, Emily, Steffany, Dave, Mandy, Samantha and great grandmother of Jocelyne, Rosie, Madey, Caelin, Cora, Ava, Dylan, Ryan, Logan and baby John (deceased). Dear sister of Bruce (Viola), Marie (Howie-deceased), Nelly (Eric-deceased), Ray, Earl (deceased) (Yolinda), Doris (Roger-deceased), Doreen (Neil). Beloved aunt and honorary mother and grandmother to everyone who met her.

Friends are invited to visit the family at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., P.O. Box 427, Minden K0M 2K0 on Tuesday, February 7, 2017 from 11:00 am until the time of the Service to Celebrate Eileen's Life at 1:00 pm. Reception to follow at the Royal Canadian Legion Br. 636. Spring Interment at St. Stephen's Cemetery, Boshkung.

Memorial Donations to the Food for Kids or the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.



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HALIBURTON Community FUNERAL HOME



Evelyn Swinson (nee Madill)

(Resident of Haliburton)

Surrounded by her family at Haliburton Hospital on Thursday morning, February 2, 2017 in her 92nd year. Beloved wife of the late Lloyd Swinson. Loving mother of Barbara (Harry Neville), Marion Boomhouer, Keith (Jeanette), Bruce (Sue), Sylvia Sisson and Steven (Jean). Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Scott, Mark, Lori, Michael, Lisa, Rick, Karen, Corey, Jodie, Jami, Jonathan, Jeff, Barry, Greg and by her great grandchildren Brian, Shawn, Matthew, Alex, Travis, Zoe, Rebecca, Adrianna, Jake, Maisie, Porter, Miles, Charlotte, Connor, Robert, Jake, Jesse and Carson. Dear sister of Henry Madill. Predeceased by son Ralph, sisters Elsie, Emma and brothers Cecil, Frank, Lloyd and Allan. Fondly remembered by her many nieces, nephews and Darlene Osborne. Evelyn enjoyed her family & friends and will be missed.

Visitation, Memorial Service & Reception

Friends are invited to call at the HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME 13523 Hwy. #118, Haliburton, Ontario (705)457-9209 on Wednesday morning, February 8, 2017 from 10 o'clock until time of the Memorial Service in the Chapel at 11 o'clock. Interment later Evergreen Cemetery, Haliburton. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services - Palliative Care Unit would be appreciated by the family.

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Medland, William Russell

Known to many as Bacardi Bill; he retired from Bacardi Canada 1993

After a very long battle Bill peacefully found his rest on January 28, 2017 at the age of 85 with his loving family and friends by his side.

He was born and raised in Toronto and resided with his parents and grandparents on Degrassi Street.

His love of Marching Bands began at the age of four when he Marched in his first Twelfth Parade with his Father Syd who played the snare-drum with Prince of Orange O.Y.B. 291. Bill continued on to play flute in the Dian Juvenile Flute Band from 1941-1947, Tobermore Flute Band 1947-1960. "Sons of Derry Flute Band" (currently Derry Flute Band) 1966-1994 serving as Band Master for several years. In 1994 he began the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes and in 2007 Bill received a Governor General's Award for Caring Canadians for his dedication and volunteerism with the Haliburton Silver Flutes.

Bill was a member for over 40 years At RCL419, of the Masonic Lodge 428 and a member of the Orange Lodge 399.

Besides his deep love for the flute, Bill was very athletic throughout his years; He was a quarterback for Danforth Tech, Pitcher for Toronto Tournament Fastball Leagues, and an avid Curler.

He is survived by his loving wife and best friend Donna, his son Philip and daughter Virginia, beloved step-children Vicki (Gregory) Pearson, Kimberly Everest, Tracey (Veselin) Lukic; Cherished Grandfather of Dawn, Jennifer, Amanda, Brent, Holly, Amy, Adam, Russell, Elizabeth, and Logan; Adored by his Great Grandchildren Ashley, Lilly, Cameron, Pestlyn, Evan, Allison, and Hunter.

There will be a celebration of Bill's life Saturday Feb. 4th, 2017, between 12 and 3pm at the Blackstock Recreational Complex, 3440 Church Rd., Blackstock, ON.



Online condolences can be made at www.lakelandfuneralcentre.com.

In memory of Bill, donations to the Haliburton Curling Club or a charity of your choice would be appreciated.





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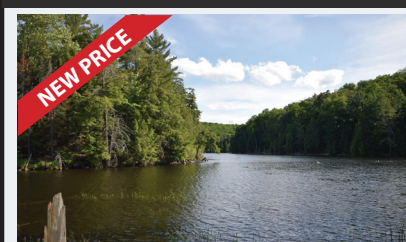
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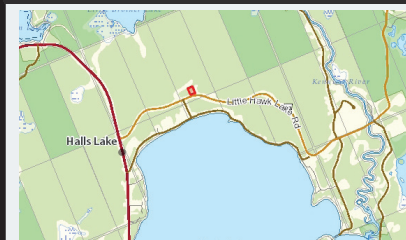
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